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SUBJECT: DELIVERED TO MFA: DEMARCHE ON INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION TO BAN HUMAN CLONING

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Classified By: DCM Alan G. Misenheimer for reasons 1.5 (b and d)

(c) Pol/Econoff delivered key demarche points in reftel to Salwa Al-Refa'ei, Specialist at the Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) on 5/5. Al-Refa'ei noted that the ROYG has not yet finalized its position on the Costa Rican resolution. She indicated that the ROYG may identify more closely with the French-German resolution, which MFA favors due to the Islam's support for medically-beneficial developments. Nonetheless, Al-Refa'ei commented that the ROYG will await the decision of the Organization of Islamic Congress (OIC) on human cloning before taking a position on this issue.

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